



MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY OF PROVINCIALS OF THE NEW PHILIPPINE SOUTH PROVINCE

Venezuela, June 25 - July 7, 2023



The journey of the Society in Latin America motivates us, encourages us, sustains us.

The path taken as the Philippine Rose Region, 7 years ago, continues to be our horizon...

Aerial
panorama of
the arrival in
Caracas



Margarita Gutiérrez (Brazil), Nancy Durand (Peru), Maruja Hernández (Colombia), Queny Gredig (Chile), Silvana Ferez (Argentina-Uruguay), Fernanda Vacas (Venezuela), Margarita Gutiérrez (Brazil), Nancy Durand (Peru), Maruja Hernández (Colombia) and Fernanda Vacas (Venezuela), took time to meet and continue walking together towards the New Philippine Province South.

We also have Jacqueline as a member of the IPC, who accompanies us and is part of the province of Venezuela.

CARACAS



- In Venezuela, we value how the encounter with people, with reality is part of our meeting, it is an opportunity to learn, to share, to know and to articulate.
- We walked through each of the three communities in Venezuela (Caracas-Jusepín-Cumaná) and experienced the richness of meeting with companions in the mission, with the sisters, in the projects.
- Nancy, unable to make it the first few days to Jusepín, joined us on the way to Cumaná.
- Through the zoom we were together with Queny in every moment of work and exchange.



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**At the Fe y Alegría School named
after Anatalde Salcedo, rscj.
Colombian**



We value this movement, including, adding, working and building the Society from the reality we are living.

It responds to our desire in Malaga to get to know each other, to take advantage of the meetings to take some time, to be together and to get to know each other.

Gathering together is an encounter with the reality and life of each place and context. It is important to know the action and life of each community, it is the way to become a body.

This is an intentional methodology in the program and planning of the meeting: to live the experience, to see and recognize ourselves with our eyes, feet and heart.

It is a change of perspective, to understand ourselves from life, from the daily life of each community. Now, we have the commitment to share the reality of the people and the reality of what we have seen.

We feel that giving ourselves this space for the meeting must be a commitment of all the groups that will be meeting.



CONVINCED OF THE PATH WE ARE TAKING AND OF THE NEED TO REVIEW, ENRICH AND EVALUATE EACH STEP.

- We agreed to tell each other and ourselves as we are. And to do so from a vision of the future. That is to say, that each Province shares its Life
- Also, it seems important to us to take up again the moments we saw in Malaga as a possibility to build the New Province.
- To review progress, pending issues and new realities that we are facing.



We had the second moment of deepening and evaluation of this meeting in Caracas, within the daily life and educational actions of the community. We realize the importance of the relational fabric that we have with others, and we would like this to be strengthened in our way of walking as a new province.



**What stays in
our hearts,
what do we
take with us,
what do we
gather, what
do we reap?**

- The richness of having seen and heard the way of being and being of the sisters with the people. They are an extended community. We value the fidelity and commitment to life here. Of every sister in the Province, of every human being here who continues to bet on this, on Venezuela. Also the immersion in Colombia has been of a deep welcome. It has been a time of contemplation.
- Awareness and commitment to collect the little things that we live every day. These are the seeds of the meaning of our life. And they are translated into these 4 interconnected priorities.
- The commitment to encourage and spread the fact that we are a Society in the places where we are. We are not only provinces.
- A meeting like this, with Queny's willingness to stay with us from Colombia, could not have taken place without the relational basis of affection and trust of this community of provincials. The meeting in itself breaks mental patterns. It is a gathering of sisters, who have a service, a task. We are a community of sisters concerned about the future of our countries.



We are encouraged by the process itself throughout these days together.

The understanding we have gained together from a simple and real conversation.

The communication environment.

The deep affection in this community of provincials accompanying us, loving us.





That love and experience we send to each one of them,
Community of Provincials
of the new Philippine South province:
*Silvana, Maruja, Queny, Margarita, Nancy,
Fernanda*



***BUT IF YOU ARE MISSING
THERE WILL BE NO MIRACLE...***

(Joan Manuel Serrat)

